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Getting student ideas off the ground and into print.....

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Editorial.....

By Frank W. Marchica

The Results are in and the students are glad,or are they? The first problem turned up when we tried to meet the candidates.Twenty out of thirty showed up and a poor twenty-five or so students came to ask questions.I would assume that the students would want to know about the person they will vote for. After all , the students in office are going to control a small part of our lives for the next year.I asked a fellow student if she voted , and she said she did,but she "didn't know half the people (she) voted for." It's also interesting to know that most students don't know what the student government is supposed to do.The Backyard Eagle will run a series this spring so we'll all know just what they do and how they're doing it.On a final note,I would like to congratulate all the winners and remind the new JAC members that beer in a bottle tastes better than beer in a can and if it's in kegs we need more than one tap!

"The Thrilling Adventures of θ" by Thomas Beke, 1 CE

Back by popular demand! Yes folks, another chapter in the continuing saga of θ. After Theta's last escapade with the O.T.H.E.R.S., things had been pretty quiet in the urban sector of the continent which θ called home. O had finally opened the letter in his pocket to learn that there was a package waiting for him at the Post Office. The whereabouts of the O.T.H.E.R.S. were known by every 1 in θ's organization. However, constant surveillance yielded no hints as to what activity might be planned and executed by the O.T.H.E.R.S. This serenity bothered θ, and instinct told him that an O.T.H.E.R. operation would be pulled off soon - but as to what this operation might be, θ had no clue. This lack of activity enabled him to return to his studies and catch up with the workload of his 18 and a half credit semester at the university where he posed as a "typical" college student. Some 1 had come up with this undercover idea several months earlier, and to this date, no 1 knew of any O.T.H.E.R.S. who were aware of θ's true identity.

Making the most of this undercover disguise, θ and several

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Academic Standards

By Avram Aronoff

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from Professor Hollenberg

On Tuesday April 28th a meeting of the Academic standards committee was held. This was a special meeting. This meeting was called on request of professors Klerer, Rakow, Efe, and Luchessi.

It had been brought to the attention of The Committee that according to the governance the committee consisted of Faculty members.

The following Paragraph is a quote from page 15 of "The Governance of the faculty of The School Of Engineering."

Academic Standards. "The committee on Academic standards shall consist of one representative from each discipline of instruction. These members shall be elected to serve for terms of three years. The dean of students and the Dean of Admissions and Records shall be ex-officio members of this committee."

The Chairman of Academic standards committee ruled that students could not be in academic standards committee because of the Governance. Professor Klerer appealed the ruling. The Committee voted to accept the ruling.

On april 30 1981 (according to professor Hollenberg chairman of Academic standards Committe) professor Klerer resigned from the Academic standards Committee. On May 18th (I may have date wrong) there will be an Academic Standards meeting to determine graduation list. If the Present sitation continues it appears that students will not have a vote at this meeting.

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cohorts utilized the university's extensive chemistry facilities to perform experiments whose results would greatly affect the national security of the country. After one particularly intense lab session in which a relatively large amount of progress was made, θ decided to return to the lab later that evening to continue the analysis. He went home, ate dinner, and prepared to return to the lab when he noticed that his blue file was missing. This file contained all the vital formulas and notes for the progress made during his analysis.

This didn't bother θ, who figured that the file was back at the school in his locker.

Upon reaching his locker at school, θ discovered, much to his chagrin, that the blue file wasn't there either. He carefully retraced his steps from the beginning of the day, searching each classroom he sat in during the course of the day, but all his efforts were to no avail. θ was starting to become very upset, while his mind was working frantically trying to figure out where he left his file last. He had attended a meeting with several 1's in a town 45 kilometers away the previous evening. Perhaps he had left it there. θ rushed to a phone booth, but he kept getting a busy signal. He then sprinted across town to the train station. The prospect of

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Letter

To the Editor,

I had high hopes for the Backyard Eagle until I read last issue's Editorial. An editor endorsing himself in his own editorial is a classic example of unproffessional journalism and conflict of interest.

sincerely,

Zev Rubenstein

Editor's Response

Michael J. Wacks

Dear Zev Rubenstein,

You're right, my last editorial was a bit sleazy - but then I'm a sleazy person, or, perhaps I'm just a pragmatist.

You see Zev, there are two ways of doing things. You can 1)do things the 'proper' way - deluding yourself that this is the best way possible, or, 2) you can analyze the situation realistically and choose the most effective method to reach your goals. I tend towards the latter method every time. Reread that past editorial carefully. I never say 'vote for me.' I simple endorse the Coalition. Granted, it's just a matter of careful wording, but let's not argue semantics. Also, I carefully pointed out that my views were not the views of the paper. I'm sorry that I dashed your high hopes, I hope that this response has helped to restore your faith.

sincerely,

Michael J. Wacks

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spending three hours in transit aboard a train wasn't very appealling. Two blocks from the train station, θ spotted another phone booth and decided to try the call once more. This time he got through, but was informed that the blue file was not there.

θ headed back to his living quarters slowly, his mind in deep thought. Had an O.T.H.E.R. person gotten hold of the file? θ's whole future as well as the nation's depended on the contents of that file. Had the several months of concealing his identity in one of the most infenious methods of disguise - a college student - been in vain? At least the parcel was still waiting for him at the Post Office. But was that just an O.T.H.E.R. plot against θ? Did the package hold a bomb, or was it what Theta originally thought it was.....

(θ did finally find the blue file, just in time to save the world but too late for his chemistry exam. But what was in the package? What has O.T.H.E.R.S. been planning during this quiet period? To find out, read next week's "Thrilling Adventure of θ" exclusively in the Backyard Eagle.)

Just What Do They Do?
By Frank W. Marchica

Student Elections were held last week and 17 positions were filled in 10 offices. The titles of a few are self-explanatory but the rest need some explanation. Look for the Backyard Eagle this spring when I author a series called "Just what do they do?" in which I will conduct interviews with students in office and the Administators who oversee them . In another feature we will publish all the important details of any meetings that may be of immediate concern to the entire student body such as a JAC meeting. See you then!

Events

On May 4 through May 8, the Painting 1 course will be displaying students' works, including two by Mary Hadyn. On May 8, there will be a closing party from 3:00 to about 6:00. The show will be on the 6th floor of the Foundation building.

The ACS picnic will be on sunday, May 17, at Clove Lake in Staten Island. There is a $2 charge for members and a $5 charge for guests, $2 will be refunded to each member or guest who shows up. Reservations and money must be in by friday, May 8.

Opinion
By Avram Aronoff

The year is drawing to a close. Summer is coming. Be of good cheer vacation will soon be here.

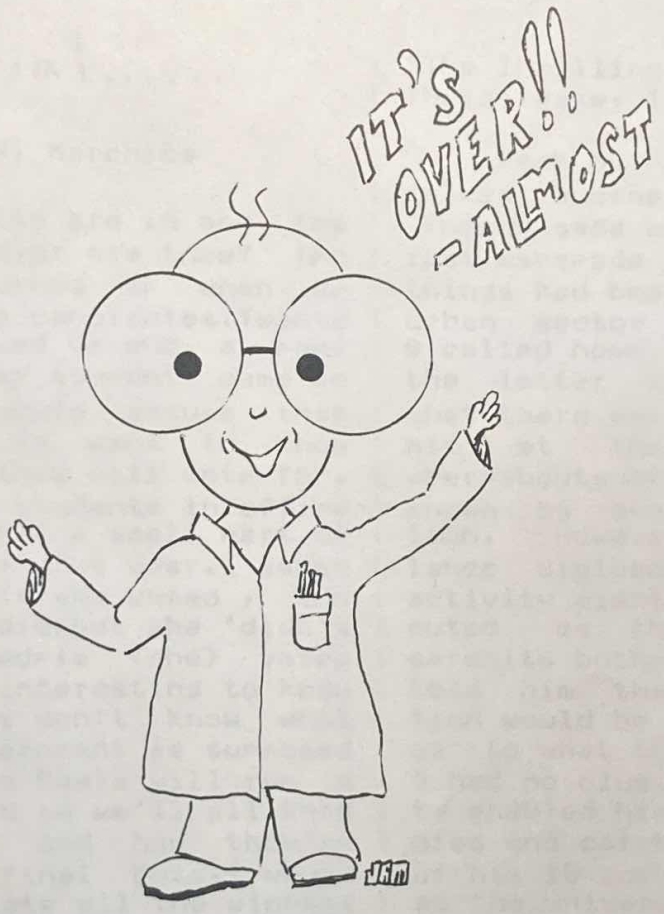
Well, I figured to take this time to express some ideas and opinions. First about school, remember that registration is coming.Good luck and fairwell to all seniors and grad students.

I'd like to apologize to all the candidates who couldn't come to "Meet the Candidates". My sincerest thanks to all the Candidates who did come. Congratulations to all the winners. Reminders : we are still running a cartoon contest we would really like to have your cartoons. Offers : several candidates mentioned running surveys to find out how the Students think. Your welcome to the use of our paper and all the help we can give.

Lastly how do you feel about this paper? What kind of stories do you want to read? What kind of articles should we print? Have any contest ideas, poems? We'd really like your opinions.

Yours Truly,
Avram Jaime Aronoff

Have a nice summer! Feel free to send letters or articles for next year.
See you in september.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